

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 8, 1896.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. HANSBROUGH, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT:

[To accompany S. 1253.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1253) granting a pension to Joseph Koehler, have examined the same, and report:

For the disabilities alleged in Koehler's declaration he is receiving the highest pension recommended by any of the examining boards before which he appeared—\$8 per month. These disabilities are rheumatism, and resulting disease of heart; chronic diarrhea, and resulting disease of rectum.

To sustain this bill for a larger pension the affidavit of Captain Sheehan is offered, stating that Koehler suffered rupture at the defense of Fort Ridgley in 1862, and that he continues a sufferer from that injury; but Koehler fails to allege that disability in any declaration as a basis for pension, and if he relies on that, he should present it first to the Pension Bureau for adjudication. It can not be considered in this committee until it has first been considered and rejected there.

Your committee therefore recommend that the bill be indefinitely postponed.